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## REQUEST FOR CORRECTION/RESETTING OF RESPONSE PERIOD

The non-final first Office Action recently received in this case is dated 12/29/2005 but sets a shortened <u>two month</u> initial response period rather than the <u>three month</u> initial response period that is currently USPTO practice.

The undersigned also notes an anomaly in the public pair system website because there is an indication of a non-final rejection as of 12-27-2005. Presumably, this is the same non-final rejection being referenced with respect to both dates 12-27 and 12/29/2005.

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In any event, applicant is entitled to an initial response period of three months and so correction/resetting of the initial response period for the outstanding Office Action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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